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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was about steady in all areas. Retail demand was slow to fairly good and slowly improving where features were present. Food service was light to moderate, best for fast food. Supplies were sufficient enough to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, all items were at least adequate with bone-in breasts in the closest position and receiving most interest. Movement for the remaining items was light to fair. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable to heavy.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .50 cent to 58.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 69.75 cents last year on the 7th of October, 1998.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
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BREASTS - B/S	153.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	59.50
LEG QUARTERS	20.50
WINGS	59.50

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 10/02/99	1999	1998	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	174,081	173,841	0
CHICKS PLACED	132,676	132,286	0

Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 174 million eggs during the week ending October 2, 1999. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 81 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 133 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 2, 1999. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through October 2, 1999, were 5.61 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 13-Nov-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 144.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 148.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 141.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 153.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 64.57 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was about steady. Offerings of heavy product ample with light weights in fair balance to cover current needs. Buying interest was only fair. Demand by stores was fair to fairly good, best where featured, restaurants moderate overall, best by fast food. Floor stocks generally adequate. The market tone was about steady on parts with fronts in the strongest position.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand was somewhat improved due to first of the month business and retail ads, but was still no better than moderate. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, bone-in breasts were in the strongest position with supplies balanced and moving well. All other items were trading light to fair with availability adequate to fully adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Whole fryer trade sentiment was about steady. Additional offerings of whole fryers and WOGs were limited, but adequate for the limited buyer interest. Fill in trading in Chicago on whole birds noted at 35 cents. Movement into retail and distributive accounts was slow to fairly good, best where features most active and fast food outlets. In Chicago, retail features noted on whole birds at \$.59, roasters at \$.99, boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.49 and \$1.59, and leg quarters at 29 and 39 cents. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate with sizes desirable and trending on the heavier side of the range. Parts trading was in a full range, mostly fair. Supplies of all items were adequate or available and held with confidence. Trade sentiment was about steady on all items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was of a light and spotty nature. Offerings easily satisfied current trade requirements. Retail and distributive movement was slowly improving. The market tone continued about steady. In the parts market, product was usually more than adequate to meet current demand. The market tone was cautiously steady.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds and parts varied from slightly improved to light and typical of mid-week activity. Whole bird offerings continued to vary by size and volume, but remained fully adequate to ample. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mixed and irregular. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 60 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, buyer interest centered on the tightening supply of bone-in breasts. Other cuts were in a range of adequate to ample for the light to fair and generally cautious buyer.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA**

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	42-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	51.38
NO. OF BOXES	7,850

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCTOBER 06, 1999

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	606	124.00-170.00	130-135	135.12
TENDERLOINS	102	150.00-195.00	-	159.71
BREAST - LINE RUN	101	60.00-74.00	60-62	60.69
FRONT HALVES	165	44.00-51.00	-	46.48
LEGS	47	25.00-34.00	25-26	26.34
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	316	14.00-18.00	14-15	14.90
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,188	16.50-21.00	18-19	18.88
WINGS (WHOLE)	148	49.00-58.00	55-57	54.68
WINGS (CUT)	460	61.00-77.00	-	67.10
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	50	51.00-68.00	-	53.80

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR OCTOBER 05, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
29.00-34.50	30.69

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	578	128.00-170.00	130-135	134.97
TENDERLOINS	130	149.00-150.00	-	149.77
BREAST - LINE RUN	101	60.00-74.00	60-62	60.69
FRONT HALVES	90	44.00-51.00	-	47.39
LEGS	47	25.00-34.00	25-26	26.34
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	396	14.00-18.00	14-15	15.42
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,018	16.50-21.00	19-20	19.47
WINGS (WHOLE)	108	56.00-58.00	56-57	56.78
WINGS (CUT)	485	61.00-77.00	65-66	67.75
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	92	50.00-68.00	-	54.57

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 29, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
29.00 - 34.50	31.41	30.14

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was about moderate. Offerings remained adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement continued to improve and typical of a first of the month. The market tone was cautiously steady.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL
TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	139.32	468,480
TENDERLOINS	150	154.96	59,730
BREAST - WITH RIBS	54-55	62.06	353,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	54	58.39	178,000
LEGS	25-26	30.65	162,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15-16	16.57	490,713
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	32.82	108,040
THIGHS	18-19	27.94	85,320
B/S THIGHS	69-70	71.59	45,090
WINGS (WHOLE)	55-56	63.85	195,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.22	21,920
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	59.20	24,976
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	49.76	53,900

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
ALA	10/06 3,807	10/05 3,856	10/04 3,898	10/01 4,175	10/04 5.24
ARK	5,076	5,079	5,224	5,066	4.90
DELMARVA	2,415	2,429	2,473	2,260	5.14
KY-LA-TN	1,790	1,774	1,806	1,842	4.52
MISS	2,739	2,792	2,781	3,481	5.24
NC	2,574	2,579	2,542	3,178	5.85
TEXAS	2,098	2,102	2,096	1,939	4.84
TOTAL	20,499	20,611	20,183	21,941	5.12
MON-WED	61,570 (A)				61,512 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-Oct 99 is estimated to be 30,669,000 up 0.20 percent from a week ago and up 5.8 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,609,000; last year 28,980,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	80-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	82-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	83-88
DUCKS	135
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	91-96
	DRY PACK	107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91-92
	DRY PACK	98
DUCKS		149-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT -

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/09/99 (1)	10/02/99
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	154,056 (2)	157,782
LT HEN	1,859	1,930
HVY HENS	1,708	1,809
CHECK TOTAL	157,623	161,521

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 09-Oct-99 is 149.7 million head compared to 146.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.9 million head or 6.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 16-Oct-99 the estimated available is 148.5 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 4-Oct-99	183,153	95,290
AM 1-Sep-99	192,814	95,979
CHG	-9,661	-689
PCT CHG	-5	-1

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT

(IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/05/99	09/27/99	10/05/98	10/05/99	09/27/99	10/05/98
PACIFIC						
COAST	36,902	36,500	42,555	15,307	16,631	7,234
LOS						
ANGELES	935	318	527	5,809	6,456	2,661

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 10/05/99

	LO	HI	AVG		LO	HI	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.45	.85	.67	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	2.75	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.40	.70	.53	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	.65	.90	.76	BANTAMS ea.	.60	3.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	.70	.80	.76	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.20	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	8.50	9.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.65	.75	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.35	1.20	.91	ROOSTERS ea.	1.25	2.00	-
GEESE lb.	.10	.20	.15	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.25	1.00	.63	DUCKS ea.	-	4.00	-
RABBITS lb.	.40	.90	.75	RABBITS ea.	-	2.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.70	2.75	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	4.75	10.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	5.50	-
SILKIES ea.	.50	2.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	2.25	-				

TOTAL COOPS 129

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 6, 1999.

HENS		RANGE
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)		60-63
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)		66

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending October 1, 1999

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	49.27	115.94	72.46	24.15	4.83	45.89
High	51.21	125.60	86.95	28.99	5.80	45.89
Mostly	50.72	125.60	77.29	24.15	5.80	45.89
SAN JUAN						
Low	50.72	91.79	57.97	19.32	4.35	45.89
High	53.14	111.11	67.63	26.57	7.25	45.89
Mostly	51.21	101.45	60.39	24.15	5.80	45.89
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	49.27	111.11	67.63	19.32	4.83	43.48
High	51.21	120.77	86.95	28.99	5.80	43.48
Mostly	50.72	120.77	77.29	19.32	5.80	43.48
BECERRA						
Low	51.21	91.79	67.63	19.32	5.80	48.31
High	53.14	111.11	77.29	31.40	7.25	48.31
Mostly	53.14	101.45	70.05	26.57	5.80	48.31

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